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President's Message

Hello everyone:

I am writing this President's message in the short period of time I'll be home after coming back from Calgary and before hitting the road again to visit family and attend the American Numismatic Association's World Fair of Money, in Chicago Ill. this year.

We can commend the Calgary Numismatic Society for a really well conceived and well run convention. The CAWMC breakfast and AGM was one of the most successful ever, with 32 people in attendance, members and guests and a thrilling auction containing some rarely seen items. We have acquired some new members along the way and I am grateful for that. So, a warm welcome to David Larson from Vancouver BC; Russel Stubbert, Ottawa ON; John Wilson from Squamish BC; Logan Kehoe, Cochrane AB and Dave Gillespie from St-Albert AB.

This month, Eugene Simms presents Vancouver's North Shore Numismatic Society's first Wooden Money, a million dollars note, no less, and the story behind it. This is a simply gorgeous note, and Gene explains how he created it.

Hopefully, it will inspire your creativity and CAWMC will enjoy other novelties over time. There is also a way for you to attempt to win one of NSNS notes and it is explained on page 5 of this issue.

Please read the minutes of our most recent AGM on page 7 and 8 of this issue.

Keep well

Have a restful Labour day weekend.
France



Crescent Heights Community Association 40th anniversary

Our free wood of the month is the Crescent Heights Community Association 40 year celebration wood. This wood was made by James Williston for this Community Association. It is listed as 8140 - 480. The Crescent Heights side is a dark green colour and the 40 years side is black.

Crescent Heights is a diverse, vibrant neighbourhood in the heart of Calgary, Alberta immediately north of Downtown. It is bounded to the north by the Trans-Canada Highway, to the east by Edmonton Trail, to the west by 4th Street NW, and to the south by Memorial Drive and the Bow River.

Crescent Heights was originally incorporated as a village on May 1, 1908. It was subsequently annexed by the City of Calgary in 1911 and established as a neighbourhood in 1914. As of 2014, Crescent Heights had a population of 6,235 persons, and 78% were between the ages of 20 and 64 years old. It more than likely grew over time since the community newsletter *The Crescent View* is distributed to over 5,000 households.

The Crescent Heights Community Association, as per website <http://crescentheightsvyc.ca/> :

Vision *We are a vibrant flagship inner city community with engaged and invested residents, that values a sustainable future.*

Mission Crescent Heights Community Association works with residents, members and stakeholders to develop and enhance community Enjoyment, Safety, Connection and Belonging.

Values-We value integrity and transparency in our communication with all stakeholders.
-We will support a sustainable future by encouraging our residents to protect our urban forest, green spaces and environment.
-We will embrace the diversity of our residents by being inclusive and compassionate as we work to bridge the gaps in our community.
-We value the contributions our volunteers make to build a strong sense of community

The running of the Association is impressive: Board of Directors of 12 members, 6 key volunteers positions and 3 paid positions.



Right: Crescent Heights Community Centre

Vancouver's North Shore Numismatic Society issues its first Wooden Money – The story behind it.

By Gene Simms

The first “Wooden Money” was issued by the towns of Tenino, and Blaine, in Washington State. These temporary “cash substitutes” were born out of necessity after the stock market crash of 1929. An event that sent Wall Street into a panic, wiping out millions of investors, and triggering a run on banks and financial institutions. To try and ward-off further panic, banks were forced to close for an eight-day (so-called) bank holiday. This forced-closure left little hard currency to transact daily commerce, leaving local businesses to improvise with currency replacements similar to the towns of Tenino, and Blaine, with their original and inventive wooden money solutions.

From this humble beginning, these wooden bits of history have taken on a life of their own, and in recent years have seen a resurgence in popularity. New woods, in the form of “Good-For’s”, “Wooden Nickel-type Souvenirs”, and “Advertising handouts” are being produced in an ever-growing variety of shapes, sizes and numbers than at any time in their history.

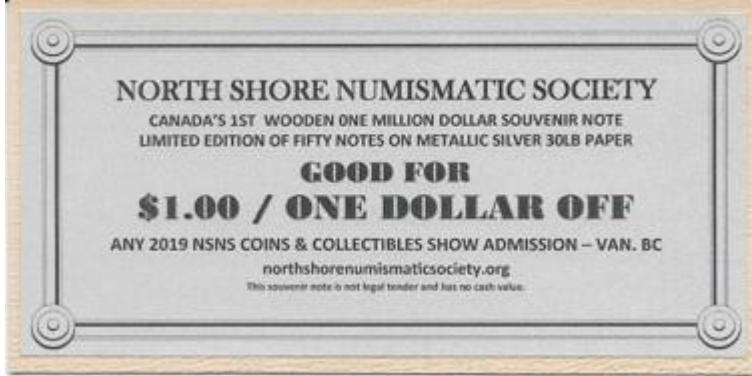
Joining this resurgence, The North Shore Numismatic Society of Vancouver, BC, has issued its second wooden offering, the first being a, 2017, 45th Club Anniversary 1-1/2” round wooden nickel type souvenir. This latest issue, and first “Wooden-Money” is a limited edition of fifty wooden notes or “Flats” as they are referred to in the hobby were given to members and guests attending the April 16th, 2019 club meeting. The front features a portrait of Queen Elizabeth II (taken from the internet), and the denomination of one million dollars (fantasy dollars of course). Each note is serial numbered. The “ES” are my initials (Eugene Simms), the “032819” is the date the notes were printed (03/28/2019) and the last two digits are the number of each note. The ES032819-03 shown here being the third note of the fifty printed. The back states “Good For \$1.00 / One Dollar Off any 2019 NSNS Coins & Collectables Show Admission”.

Instead of just giving you more of the information which can be easily obtained from the note itself (pictured here), I’m going to share with you how this particular note, or flat came into being. Spurred-on by the displays of wooden money I had put together for our clubs March 30th coin show, featuring a large cross section of Canadian woods, and a case of the first ever wooden money from the two towns mentioned above, I decided to try my hand at producing something from wood for my home-club, the North Shore Numismatic Society.

When I started this project I knew, I did not want to spend a lot of money, and I would be limited by the equipment and resources at hand. Based on these criteria, a cost-prohibiting traditional round silk screened, or hot pressed wooden nickel type was out of the question. I liked, and settled on the idea of a rectangular shape, similar to the Tenino note. These could be easily cut by hand from a thin plywood or veneer using nothing more than a utility knife and straight edge, plus time and patience.



Vancouver's North Shore Numismatic Society issues its first Wooden Money



Inspired by the low-issue of fifty wooden nickels put out by the distinguished Canadian Numismatist, J. Douglas Ferguson, and because I knew everything about this project was going to be labour intensive, it would be smart to limit my issue to what “I hoped” would be a manageable first attempt.

I found further inspiration, amongst my own collection, a couple of round woods issued by John Hnatiuk. John, a long time wood enthusiast and avid issuer, had a paper sticker attached to some of his woods. This idea, combined with the fact that I have in the past produced a number of Christmas and special event souvenir paper notes for my home club, would be a good starting point for me to do something similar.

The front design was modified from a paper-note I was working on for another project, so I was already ahead of the game. At this stage, I decided the paper for this project should be something special. After all, if I was going to invest my time, energy and money, I wanted the finished product to be the best I could make it. The chosen paper is a 30lb weight, with a metallic silver sheen (the type used for wedding invitations), purchased from an office supply store.

The idea to make the back of the notes “Good For \$1 Dollar Off” was intended to give the note a little added value. Each note cost about \$2 each to make and my hope being, most people would not cash them in for the one dollar off admission, but save them as a valued collectible souvenir.

The notes themselves were laser printed, three notes to a sheet, with 34 sheets in total, 17 for the fronts and 17 for the backs. These were stacked and stapled, approximately 5 sheets at a time, and cut using only my trusty utility knife, a cork-backed (to keep it from slipping) straight edge and cutting mat.

The hard, smooth wooden-core is a 1/35" maple veneer, purchased in 2 rolled sheets of 8"x 96" from a local specialty wood store. Each sheet produced about thirty 85mm x 170mm (varying slightly) backing boards. Again, each one individually hand cut using the same trusty tools, and yes I still have all my fingers.

Last, but not least, the three parts (front, back and middle) were assembled using a, 3M Super-77 spray adhesive. For the most part I was very pleased with the end results. There are some flaws and a couple of off-kilter notes that are now out in the world, but we won’t talk about those. All-in all a satisfying endeavor.



Appointed Officers

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Annual Membership Dues in Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors are:

- **Canadian Residents:** \$10, Cdn. Funds
- **Youth (16 years old and under)** \$5 Cdn. Funds
- **U.S. A. Residents:** \$10 U.S. Funds
- **International Members Rate (outside Cda. - U.S.A.):** \$20 Cdn. Funds

Dues paid to:

Mr. Al Munro, P.O. Box 2643, Station M, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 3C1, Canada



Vancouver's North Shore Numismatic Society issues its first Wooden Money.

In a way this project was also a little vanity project, my on-going attempt to leave a little something of myself, and our club behind. I've often thought when looking at items from my own, and other peoples collections, "I'm sharing what someone else has created, a part of themselves, a reminder, I was here". A lot of the people, clubs and institutions who've issued these earlier wooden treasures we now collect are long gone, but will continue to have a presence through what they have created and left us to enjoy. This note is my modest attempt.

For those who have not yet had the pleasure of creating a personal, or club wood, and whom, like myself may have felt the urge to do so, there's no time like the present.

With my first creation completed, I encourage you to follow my example and take the next step, create something of your own. All you need to get started is a healthy amount of creative obsession, and the need to let it out.

We can all do our own small part to help our hobby live on, by preserving the past, the present, and adding our own bits and pieces for future collectors to discover.

Would you like to win one of the North Shore Numismatic Society's million dollars wooden notes?

Send us a one page (250-450 words) article regarding your favorite wood, an interesting series of wooden coins you know about, how you started in the hobby of wooden money collecting, etc., with or without illustrations, **PRIOR** to December 1, 2019, and your name will be entered for a draw of one **ONE MILLION** dollars wooden note, to be held December 10, 2019

Not computer savvy? Don't worry. If using a computer, a WORD document will be appreciated. Otherwise, the editor will be happy to transcribe any typed or handwritten article submitted.

Please note that all suitable articles will be reproduced in a future issue of *Timber Talk*. Send them, along with pictures if any, to france@waychison.com or to P.O.Box 466 Timmins ON P4N 7E3

Don't be shy! It's is always rewarding to see one's name in print and say: "Hey! I'm an author now!"



Westfield's 350th Anniversary Wood

submitted by Judy Blackman, FONA, KSE

This very attractive, colourful wood was to be distributed by Westfield Boy Scout Troops 109 and 821 as the woods were to be the treasure in a city-wide geocaching event this spring. The troops organized the event, which took place over several weeks leading up to the Westfield 350th Anniversary Weekend May 17-19th. The flip side could be different than the prototype shown above, it may have a sponsor logo or well-known Westfield image, such as a black squirrel or bicycle. Each participant in the event receives a set of coordinates to direct them to 12 locations around the city to find the hidden cache holding woods. Each visitor to the cache signed a visitor log, and each of the 12 locations had its own historic token (wooden nickel). All woods for this event were to have a serial number. Each cache also included the historic significance of the location. Each cache was assigned 1,000 woods. Boy Scout families volunteered to oversee each location to make sure there were wooden nickels in them each week (i.e. the cache cannot hold all 1,000 at once).

Westfield is a city in Hampden County, in the Pioneer Valley of western Massachusetts, USA., and was first settled in 1660. Today it has a population around 43,000. The area was originally inhabited by the Pocumtuc tribe, and was called Woronoco (meaning "the winding land"). Trading houses were built in 1639-1640 by settlers from the Connecticut Colony. Massachusetts asserted jurisdiction, and the area became part of Springfield.

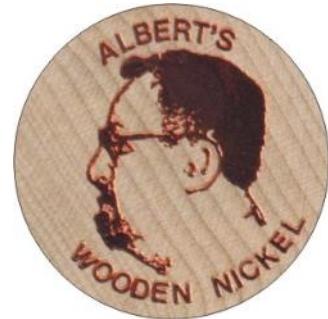
FOR SALE: THE KASMAN COLLECTION

Sheldon Kasman, would like to advertise that a collection of 2,000 woods, left by his cousin Albert, is now for sale. The woods are mostly from Ontario.

The woods are organized as 4 binders holding 650 woods, + 1,350 individual pieces.

Mr. Sheldon Kasman will consider offers.

Please contact: Sheldon Kasman
416-627-3403
judithrk@gmail.com



CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODEN MONEY COLLECTORS
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
Calgary, Alberta
July 20, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 A.M. by President France Waychison

Everyone was asked to sign the attendance sheet. There were 32 members and guests present.

France called everyone to take their seats for breakfast and asked Dave Gillespie to say Grace.

After breakfast, France called the business portion of the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

France confirmed there was a quorum present.

France asked for approval of the minutes of the meeting held on August 13, 2018 and published in Timber Talk. Moved by Jeff Wilson. Seconded by James Williston. Motion carried.

France called for a moment of silence for any members and friends of the hobby including Don Thibedeau, Wayne Gilcash, Del Cushing and Don Pearson who passed away since the last meeting.

France asked everyone to wish for a full and speedy recovery for Eva Probert, wife of Neil Probert, in her battle with Cancer.

France asked Gayle Mennear to run a fifty-fifty draw. Dave Gillespie agreed to assist. The fifty fifty draw was so successful it was decided to pass on the usual draw and to award the door prizes to the purchasers of the fifty fifty tickets.

France asked Dave Gillespie to report on this year's fundraiser wood. Dave announced there were two fundraiser woods, a flames wood and a bit coin wood, and proceeded to sell the woods.

France read the President's report. See separate attachment France moved acceptance of her report. Seconded by Brett Irick. Carried

Al Munro presented an amended treasurer's report for 2017 with corrections as advised in the 2017 minutes. Al moved acceptance of the Amended report. Seconded by Norm Belsten. Carried.

Al Munro then presented the 2018 treasurer's report. He advised the association made \$464.39 this last year. Al advised the major items in the report was the subsidy for breakfast, and purchase of woods for distribution to members.

Al advised the \$40 under promotional woods is the cost of complementary memberships for members who submitted a design in 2017. Al advised that Timber Talk costs were reduced because of fewer pages. Al also advised that he will be purchasing a new supply of wooden membership cards. The treasurer's report is attached as a separate report.

Al moved acceptance of the report. The motion was seconded by Dave Byard. Carried.

France announced there were two awards recommended for this year. She presented Richard Blaylock with a certificate of appreciation and announced that Russ Brown will also be presented with a certificate of achievement at a future meeting of the Southern Ontario Chapter.

OLD BUSINESS

France asked if anyone had any old business to bring forward. Norm Belsten announced he is continuing updating the wooden money catalogue and electronic updates. Updates are available for \$5 and revised electronic catalogues are available for \$85.

NEW BUSINESS

Dave Gillespie presented the election results. All results were by acclamation.

President France Waychison

Vice President James Williston

Secretary Treasurer Al Munro

Directors: Norm Belsten, Dave Gillespie, Kevin Day Thorton, Bob Fritsch, Michael Turini.

Dave announced that Ross Kingdon declined nomination and will continue mailing out the bulletin and free woods.

Dave Gillespie moved approval of his report.

Seconded by Neil Probert. Carried

The fifty fifty draw was won by Brett Irick and \$75; was raised for the Association.

Brett donated \$25 and an additional \$25 donation raised the proceeds for the Association to \$125. Dave announced that the fundraiser woods raised \$175.

Al Munro announced five new members joined during the meeting.

France adjourned the meeting at 9:25 A.M.

The auction raised \$436 for the Association.

Total sales were \$838.

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODEN MONEY COLLECTORS

TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

(WITH COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017)

		<u>"2017"</u>	<u>"2018"</u>
RECEIPTS			
Members dues		\$ 770.00	\$760.00
Donation	Auction	\$ 108.25	\$308.00
	Decorated Woods	NIL	\$64.00
	Bird Woods	NIL	NIL
	Other	\$ 158.00	\$172.00
Interest		\$ 56.35	\$64.56
U.S. Exchange		\$ 7.64	\$15.32
Advertising		NIL	
TOTAL		<u>\$ 1,100.24</u>	<u>\$1,403.88</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Timber Talk	Postage	\$ 518.22	\$322.97
	Printing	\$ 287.09	\$233.23
Secretary Treasurer		\$ 130.30	\$43.56
Distribution woods		\$ 85.00	\$70
Promotional Woods		\$ 990.00	\$40.00
150 Medals		\$ 209.50	NIL
Annual meeting Subsidy		NIL	\$164.73
Membership R.C.N.A		\$ 45.00	\$45.00
TOTAL		<u>\$ 2,265.11</u>	<u>\$919.49</u>
NET RECEIPTS (EXPENDITURES)		-\$ 1,164.87	\$464.39
MEMBERS EQUITY , BEGINNING OF YEAR		\$ 6,623.00	5,458.13
MEMBERS EQUITY, END OF YEAR		<u>\$ 5,458.13</u>	<u>\$5,922.52</u>
REPRESENTED BY			
Cash on hand and in Bank		\$ 6,288.13	\$6,492.52
Less: Prepaid Memberships		\$ 830.00	\$570.00
TOTAL		<u>\$ 5,458.13</u>	<u>\$5,922.52</u>